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The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court
for the District of Delaware
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Magten Asset Management Corp. (*In re: NorthWestern Corporation*)

Your Honor:

This will confirm the message left with Chambers on Friday, October 28, 2005, that Magten and Northwestern are jointly requesting that the Court extend by one week – until November 4, 2005 – the date by which the parties may select a settlement mediator.

Counsel is available by telephone, should Your Honor have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED, this 1 day of November, 2005.

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